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Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: EX PARTE NOTICE – DIGITAL MUST CARRY AND PUBLIC
INTEREST OBLIGATIONS OF TV BROADCAST LICENSEES
CS DOCKET NO. 98-120 AND MM DOCKET NO. 99-360

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the FCC's Rules, this will report that on January 31, 2005, the undersigned met with Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy to discuss the Commission's pending consideration of multicast must carry and public interest obligations for digital television broadcasters. In my conversation with the Commissioner, I noted the importance to the viewing public of full digital multicast must carry for broadcasters and the need for the FCC to simultaneously resolve the pending dockets relating to must carry and digital broadcasters public interest obligations. I urged the Commissioner to seek FCC action on both matters and discussed the timing of such Commission action but also urged the Commissioner to make the right decision in both dockets and to avoid the repetition of the Commission's unfortunate actions in January, 2001. I pointed out that Paxson Communications Corporation was a strong supporter not only of full digital multicast must carry but also of the obligations of digital broadcasters to operate pursuant to certain public interest programming requirements and that we had urged the Commission to adopt a Public Interest Code of Conduct.

Sincerely,

Dean M. Goodman
President and Chief Operating Officer
Paxson Communications Corporation

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